

WAUKESHA COUNTY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

November 12, 2008

In Attendance:

Sergeant Nate Clarke; Wisconsin State Patrol
Ms. Mitzi Dobersek; Wisconsin DOT Highway Engineering Representative
Sergeant Michael Douglas; Menomonee Falls Police Department
Ms. Susie Just; PARC Task Force
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator
Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety
Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were then approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Weekly Fatality Report – Monday, November 10, 2008

Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz stated there were 144 fewer fatalities than last year at this time. Bicycle fatalities are also down one from last year. Motorcycle fatalities, however, are almost doubled from last year.

Wisconsin Department Of Transportation - Drivers and Vehicles

This included statistics of fatalities by county as of November 10, 2008. Waukesha County reported 20 in year-to-date statistics for the quarter.

“Allstate America’s Teen Driving Hotspots”

Allstate is sponsoring the “Action Against Distraction Driver Challenge”, a special driving course designed to show the dangers of distracted driving. Teens will experience firsthand the impact of dangerous driving practices, such as texting and talking on the phone. The Allstate “America’s Teen Driving Hotspots” study identifies “hotspot” U.S. cities where fatal crash rates involving teen drivers are highest.

Short-Term Effects of a Teenage Driver Cell Phone Restriction

On 12-01-06, North Carolina began prohibiting use of any mobile communication device by drivers younger than 18. This study examines the effects of the law on teenage drivers’ cell phone use.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- Wisconsin Department Of Transportation

Mitzi Dobersek distributed guidelines and a quick reference guide from the Department Of Transportation reference the Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program. These guidelines have been established to provide emergency incident responders within the State of Wisconsin with a uniform approach to emergency traffic control and scene management. This is to provide the safest possible work environment for all Wisconsin incident responders, while minimizing the risk for secondary crashes.

Also, a new website, "511 Wisconsin travel information":

<http://www.511wi.gov/Web>

was implemented on 11-24-08 from the Department Of Transportation, which shows Wisconsin weather and road conditions.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- Chairman Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had one fatality, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 11-12-08

- Location: I-94 west of Moorland Road

- This fatal accident involved two semi tractor/trailers and one personal vehicle. The semi tractor/trailer had lost control, slid across all lanes of traffic, and flipped on to its driver's side. A portion of the passenger compartment was crushed on to the concrete shoulder barrier, which caused fatal injuries to the 34-year-old male driver of the semi tractor/trailer. A large quantity of a tar-like asphalt sealant used in road construction was spilled on the roadway, causing damage to numerous vehicles secondary to the collision.

- One fatality from the City of Pewaukee, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 11-02-08

- Location: Pewaukee Road at River Park Court

- A 58-year-old male lost control of his motorcycle, which possibly collided with a deer. The male driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

- One fatality from the City of Brookfield, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 08-01-08

- Location: Capitol Drive at Mountain Drive

- A male driver was westbound on Capitol Drive in an Oldsmobile minivan when a 51-year-old male driver of a Jeep sport utility vehicle traveled from a restaurant parking lot onto Capitol Drive and was struck on the driver's side. The driver of the Jeep was pronounced dead at the scene. Other passengers were taken by ambulance to Froedtert Hospital. The driver of the minivan had to be extricated, and he was taken by helicopter to Froedtert.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

- One fatality from the City of Waukesha, as follows:

- Date of Accident: 08-07-08

- Location: Madison Street at Saint Paul Avenue

- A dump truck was heading east on Saint Paul Avenue when a female operator ran a red light and was struck. She died at the scene.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 02-11-09)